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School's end is time for showing off

The end of April marks the beginning of the end of the school year—and is a time for performances, honors and graduation.

On Thursday night, April 25, the Shelton Singers celebrated semester's end with a concert billed as "A Grand Night for Singing." Featuring musical tributes to Richard Rodgers and Walt Disney upon their hundredth birthdays, the ensemble also got into some sassier and sexier



Shelton Singer Jennifer Robinson takes a lead in the "Rhythm of Life" section of the Spring Concert

works that had the audience howling with delight.

Director Glinda Blackshear said in her introduction to the performance that the Singers enjoy show tunes the best—and it showed.

The concert could be said to kick off the season of honors and passages, including Honor's Program on the Fredd Campus on May 3, Honoring Student Leadership and Honors Night on May 7 and Graduation on May 9.

School Board meeting gives insider's peek

By Jonathan King

Alabama State Board of Education met Thursday morning, April 25, at Shelton State in the Bean Brown Theatre. Although the board usually meets 12 times during the year, twice a year they choose locations around the state in order to get closer to the schools they represent.

The meeting was called to order, and then the Shelton State Singers, directed by Glinda Blackshear, sang a patriotic medley including "America,

America," and a crowd participation singing of "God Bless America."

The members of the state board were then introduced by the vice president, Ethel Hall. They were: Bradley Byrne—Dist.1; Dutch Higginbotham—Dist.2; Stephanie Bell—Dist.3; Ella Bell—Dist.5; David Byers Jr.—Dist.6; Sandra Ray—Dist.7, and Mary Jane Caylor—Dist.8. Don Siegleman is actually the president of the school board, as the title is included in the job of a governor, but he was not in attendance. Robert

Runford represents the governor during these meetings.

Sandra Ray represents dis-

trict seven, which includes Shel-

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President Rick Rogers was given a few minutes to outline the Shelton program to Alabama Board of Education members meeting on campus

Shelton psychology students getting empathy lessons at Bryce Cemetery

By Kristy Lyle

This semester in Dr. Randy Jarrell's psychology class students are participating in a unique out-of-class project at Bryce Hospital. Various mental health organizations, along with the help of student volunteers, are helping with the restoration of Bryce Cemetery.

For over a century this cemetery has been vandalized, neglected, and even paved over for the creation of River Road in the 1970's.

Although the number of patients buried is unknown, unmarked graves will be located with radar technology with the help of the University of

Alabama's archaeology department. These deceased patients are finally receiving what the program's designer called: A Return to Dignity.

The first step of the restoration project is to clear the overgrowth of vegetation. Next, the graves will be mapped and identified.

Jarrell has had about 118 psychology students from Shelton participate in the project this semester. "It's a beautiful thing to see the students get babysitters or take off from their own job to do this," Jarrell said. "As human beings we all do better when we give of ourselves."

Interested volunteers are welcome to call 1-800-826-1675.



Shelton psych students work at Bryce Cemetery

Gouge O'Life

By Ben Herdman

"I heard that no one can stay awake for a week," said Nick. "After about six days or so the body just shuts down." "That's b.s.," I said. "I've done it. I stayed up for seven days last year." Nick raised an eyebrow. "Can you do it again? I'll bet \$50 you can't." I'm always one to take up a good challenge, especially when it involves money. "You're on, and you'd better pay up."

If I was going to win this bet I was going to need some extra energy. I put myself under a strict rule: nothing but cappuccinos and espressos with every meal. Occasionally, I would buy chocolate milk and top it off with more chocolate syrup.

After four days I felt like the living dead. My girlfriend was always barking at me. "Are you even listening to me? Wake up!" Actually, come to think of it, she says that to me anyway.

Nick checked in with

me periodically to make sure I didn't screw up. On the sixth night he suggested a trip to the movies. At this point I was seeing double. I told him he could go ahead and pay my fare and I would subtract the cost from what he was going to owe me in the next 18 hours.

On the way to the theater I laughed and rubbed my certain victory in his face. "You haven't won yet, Benny. Shut up and keep your eyes on the road. You're swerving." "Okay, okay," I said. "Chill out. I know what I'm doing."

Famous last words. No sooner had I assured Nick that I was in control that we saw an 18-wheeler speeding toward us.



Illustration by Abbot

Aye, there's the rub...

I jerked the car into the median and parked to catch my breath. "You fool!" cried Nick. "What did you think you were doing?!"

I was just trying to get off at our exit.

"Oh, that's real smart. So, you turn into oncoming traffic to do it?!"

I shook my head to straighten out my double vision. Then I saw what was going on. "Alright, this makes more sense," I said. "I didn't remember the city adding two more lanes to this highway."

Off the Shelf . . .

New works available in the Brooks-Cork Library

By Glen Johnson

On the Best-Seller Shelf...

Following on the heels of her highly acclaimed *Daughter of Fortune*, Isabel Allende continues that story with *Portrait in Sepia*. Set at the end of the 19th century Chile it follows the experiences of Aurora del Valle. Born to great wealth and privilege and free from the usual strictures placed on her contemporaries, Aurora is plagued by terrifying nightmares and trauma induced memory loss that renders her unable to remember her first five years of life.

The Sisters: The Saga of the Mitford Family by veteran biographer Mary S. Lovell reintroduces Americans to the Mitfords. It seems that for almost 50 years the Mitford sisters knew everybody and did everything. Of course there were six of them (not counting brother Tom) so it's not too surprising that from the 1920's to the '70's one or another was generally in the news. Middle sister Unity serves as an ex-

ample. In the early 1930's, while still in her teens, she became infatuated with Adolf Hitler. She traveled to Germany and managed to become Hitler's main squeeze. The relationship continued until the outbreak of the war at which point, distraught at the thought of their two respective countries fighting each other, Unity unsuccessfully tried to commit suicide and was sent back home to England, which deeply shook Hitler. Anyway, it's a fast reading 500 pages that range from the laughable to the grotesque.

It's hard not to like the story that begins, "Perhaps my fate was sealed when I sold my three-year-old sister." That's how we're introduced to Pulitzer Prize author Robert Olsen Butler's new novel *Fair Warning*. Protagonist Amy Dickerson (she's the one who sold her sister) threads her way in and out of the glamorous world of a Manhattan auction house.

Art: *The Encyclopedia of Watercolor Techniques*, by Hazel Harrison; *The Watercolorist's Essential Notebook*, by Gordon MacKenzie; *Hidden Treasures Revealed*, by A. G. Kostenevich.

"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



The Celestial Kiss of Mars and Venus

If for some reason you have not observed the five planets in the western sky, the first two weeks of May will continue to be an ideal time! Remember all one has to do is catch a sunset and look above the point on the western horizon where the sun set as the planets slowly become visible.

If you had a large enough meter stick, you could literally draw a straight line through the planets, for they orbit the Sun in a plane—the ecliptic. You will

notice that this line through the planets is tilted slightly to the south.

In early May, Mercury will be just above the horizon, followed by Venus, Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter. Mars can be recognized by its red color, and Jupiter and Venus will be the brightest. During the second week of May, have fun watching Venus and Mars move above Saturn, with Mercury just below Saturn.

Keep looking up and en-

joy this planet extravaganza that will not occur again for several decades

Be sure to observe Mars and Venus on the night of May 10, for those two planets that have come to represent male and female will be almost together in the sky! Perhaps sharing a romantic moment together?

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Going home and coping with Mecca on race weekend

By Jenifer Wallace

The Courier editor, a Talladega native, talks about joining 180,000 pilgrims in a rite of passage...

I was born on race day in Talladega in 1982, and have been brought up following NASCAR. My uncle Roy has given me tickets for the past 15 years for a birthday present. My father Tommy and Uncle James have both raced at the nearby short track and we have met so many people and had so much fun together over the years. A race weekend in Talladega is for me, then, not only a family event, but a yearly rite of passage.

As I drove home on Thursday, April 18, I passed at least 30 motor homes and trucks pulling trailers with everything one could need to camp. When I reached Talladega County, I decided to get off I-20 an exit early, but was that ever a bad idea. When I reached the Lincoln exit I thought I would be able to get off and take a left away from the race track, but was I wrong again! I kept driving until the next exit, Eastaboga. No one even knows about this exit and it was backed up not as bad as the other two, but there was more traffic there than I had ever seen.

Many people who come to Talladega follow NASCAR everywhere and some are only there for the one-time experience. The campgrounds begin to fill up at least by Tuesday before the race. On Thursday it's packed and people are still coming in on Friday. Some people who come for the weekend never make it inside the race grounds. They simply come to enjoy the pre-race activities. There is the Hall of Fame to visit, the Davey Allison Memorial, music around town (like City Fest), and there are races at the short track on Friday and Saturday night.

The population of Talladega is only around 30,000 people, but in one weekend our population becomes six times greater. In Talladega everything is normally so close that to get from one side of town to the other it only takes about fifteen minutes. During the two weekends that race fans come to Talladega each year, it becomes bumper-to-bumper traffic and takes at least thirty or forty minutes to get anywhere at any time, day or night.

Being from Talladega and only living seven miles from the track, no one would ever imagine that it would take me an hour to get there. I actually live on the Eastaboga side of the track where most fans use the Lincoln side. So this hour includes side roads that many fans

do not know about. I'm sure the average race fan must take at least two hours to crawl a few miles on race day.

As we sat in traffic Sunday morning, there were houses two miles from the track charging \$10 to park and people were paying this price and having to walk about four miles to get inside the actual racetrack.

The closest parking to the track is C&C Campground, and they charge \$15 a car and \$300 for a camper. On Sunday there were several hundred cars and motor homes surrounding us in the campground. We arrived at 8:30 a.m. and the gates were closed within 30 minutes because the campground was full. And let me remind you that the race did not begin until 1 p.m.

Many people ask why do you go to watch cars go around and around in a circle. My personal opinion is that everyone who lives in Alabama should experience it once in his or her lifetime, like going to Mecca for a Muslim. Not only is it the biggest party one could ever imagine, but the pure spectacle of such a mass of humanity coming together for



Jenifer Wallace and her boyfriend Jason Peters (lower R) were two of 145,000 in the stands at Talladega

one event lends it an air of almost religious significance.

On Sunday, April 21, Talladega Superspeedway hosted the largest crowd in track history for the Aaron's 499, the race's latest name. Some estimate over 180,000 fans were present. With last year's 5,200-seat addition in the O.V. Hill South Tower, Talladega Superspeedway permanent seating reached 143,500. But this does not include the fans who fill the 212-acre infield! This area, bigger than an 18-hole golf course, is home to eight reserved campgrounds. The famed 2.66-mile tri-oval hosts two NASCAR Win-

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It's spring and people's fancy turns to the nearest fishing hole

By Jarrett Kitchens

The weather is getting warmer, the days are getting longer, the dogwoods are blooming, and the fish are biting. The Tuscaloosa area is blessed with an abundance of water for anyone who likes or might like to try fishing. As a matter of fact, no matter where you live in Tuscaloosa or Northport, there is a place to fish a few short miles away.

There are two impoundments of the Warrior River: Oliver that runs right through town and Holt, just north of town, near Brookwood. Both offer anglers an opportunity to catch a variety of species of fish from bream, crappie, catfish, striped, spotted and largemouth bass. Both of these lakes are more easily accessed from a boat; however, there are two public parks on Holt dam.

There is Deerlick Creek on the Northport side of the river and Rocky Branch on the Brookwood side. Both offer camping, swimming and fishing. Just below Oliver dam and off of 15th street there is a public fishing pier that

gives anglers a chance to catch big catfish, striped and spotted bass in the current below the dam.

There is also Lake Tuscaloosa, a beautiful lake that is deep and clear. It is also the source of drinking water for the cities of Tuscaloosa and Northport. There are several public boat ramps scattered out all over the lake. Most have piers and areas around them to fish from. The lake offers the same variety of fish as the other local waters. Again, the better part of the lake is more accessible from a boat.

For those who do not have access to a boat, there are plenty of great fishing spots around that can be accessed easily from the bank. Lake Lurleen state park, off US 82 West, is such a place. Lake Lurleen can be great fishing. There are plenty of catfish, bass, and bream. If you wish, you can rent a paddleboat for \$7 for one hour or \$10 for two hours.

Mimosa Park is also easily accessible from the bank. For \$3 more you can also rent a boat here as well.

You may want to bring your own

paddle or trolling motor. Mimosa is a fair size pond and has been known to produce some quality bass.

Lake Harris and Lake Nicol are two more lakes that can offer some good fishing at times. Lake Nicol is better known to some as the Cliffs. Both are located just above Lake Tuscaloosa off of New Watermelon Rd.

Unless you are fishing with a cane pole in your county of residence you will need a license before you go fishing in Alabama. An annual residence license is \$9.50. A nonresidents license varies depending on your state of residence. All states are \$31 with the exception of Florida (\$31.50) and Louisiana (\$60). Both are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

Besides your license, you will also need some tackle and

bait. What type of tackle and bait you need depends on what type of fishing you want to do.

For bream it is hard to beat crickets and wigglers on a cane pole or an ultra light rod.

Crappie are also fond of live bait such as shiners. However in a lot of situations artificial bait such as roadrunners, squirrel tail jigs and small tube jigs

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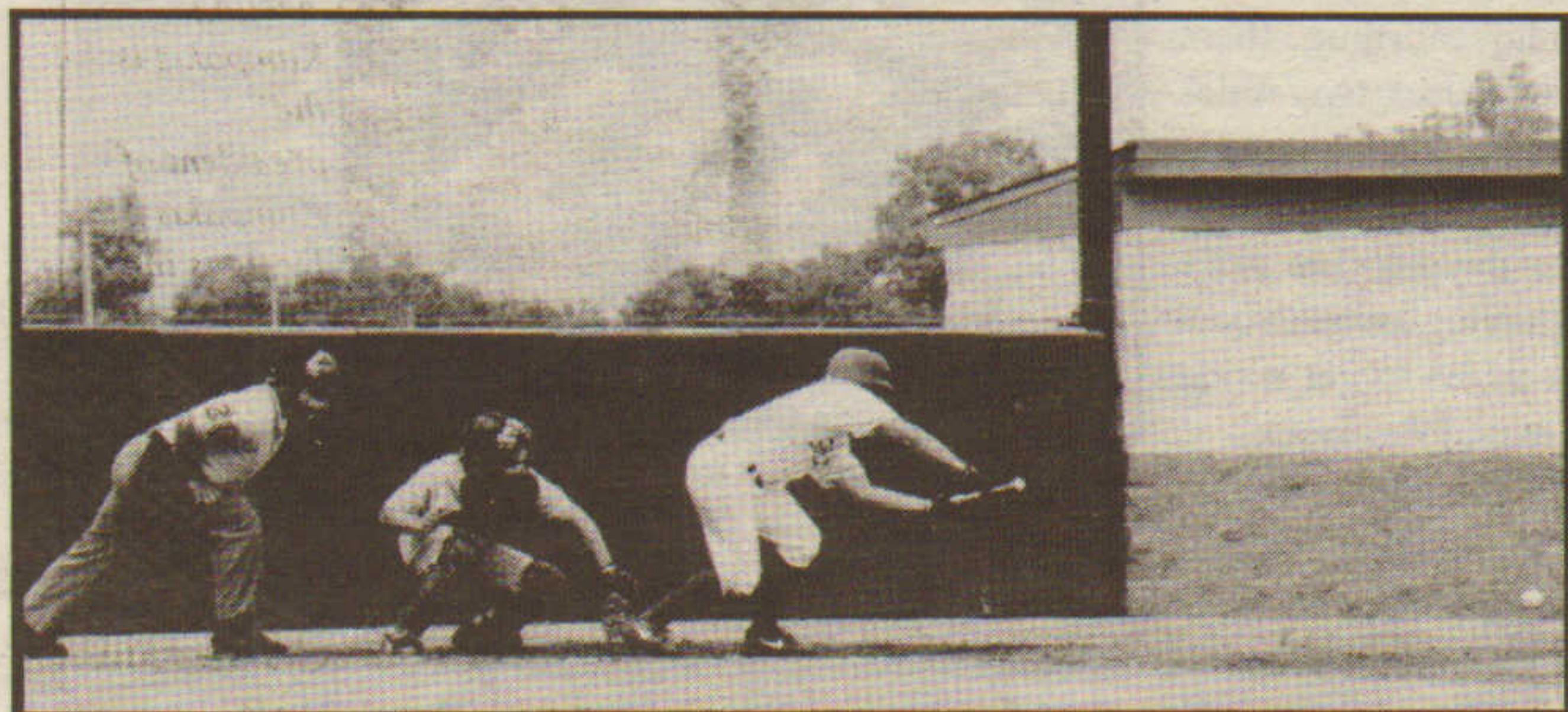


Perhaps the closest fishin' hole to Tuscaloosa is at Oliver Lock and Dam

Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Baseball gathers steam heading toward playoff



Bunt, steal or sacrifice, the Bucs are scratching their way towards the playoffs, May 11-15. With more than 30 wins, the team closes the regular season at Gadsden State May 4.

Lady Bucs point to showdown with Beville

The Lady Bucs are now 32-9.

On April 18, Shelton's Lady Bucs traveled to Wallace-Hanceville, losing the first game 3-0 and winning the second 6-2.

Shelton lost both games against Jeff State in the seventh inning on Saturday, April 20. In the first game losing 4-2, Sara Winton was put in to pinch hit and hit the first homerun for the team.

The Bucs were at home playing

Chattahoochee Valley on Sunday, April 21, where they won the first game 11-1 and the second 8-0.

Tuesday, April 23, the Lady Bucs played Northwest Shoals, winning the first game 7-1, with Mandy Russell pitching all seven innings. In the second game they lost 4-2 in the 10th inning, with Sara Winton pitching all 10 innings. Head Coach Melissa Bautista said, "Our pitching has gotten a lot stronger. The way

Bucs cop their own tournament title

On April 21-23 Shelton State hosted the Southern Invitational Junior College Golf Tournament at the Ol' Colony Course.

The tournament consisted of Tyler Community College, South Mountain of Phoenix, Ariz., Gadsden State Community College, and Rend Lake of Ina, Ill. The field featured four teams ranked in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II poll, including Shelton State.

Calle Andren's 73 led third ranked Shelton State to a second-place 306 on the first day. Pope Spruiell shot 75, with David Rasco, Christian Johansson, and Will Taylor all shooting 79.

Shelton's second team entry was in fourth place, 322. Jason Davidson led the scoring with a 75, followed by Kirk Kelly's 78 and Todd Jone's 82. Tommy Ryan shot 87.

Pope Spruiell's 70-led Shelton to the first place 297 on the second day. Will Taylor 75, David Rasco and Christian Johansson 76. Calle Andren shot 78.

On the second day Shelton's second team finished fifth with Kirk Kelly shooting 73, Jason Davidson 81, Tommy Ryan 84, and Todd Jones 86.

This makes five tournament wins in 11 tournaments this year. This was the second victory of the spring for Pope Spruiell. The next tournament is Region XXII Championships for a bid to nationals, April 28-30. Coach Matt Terry said, "I feel good about going to this course because the last time we were there we won and the course fits the team's game."

The Bucs finished third in the Terri Pines Invitational in Cullman, April 14-16.

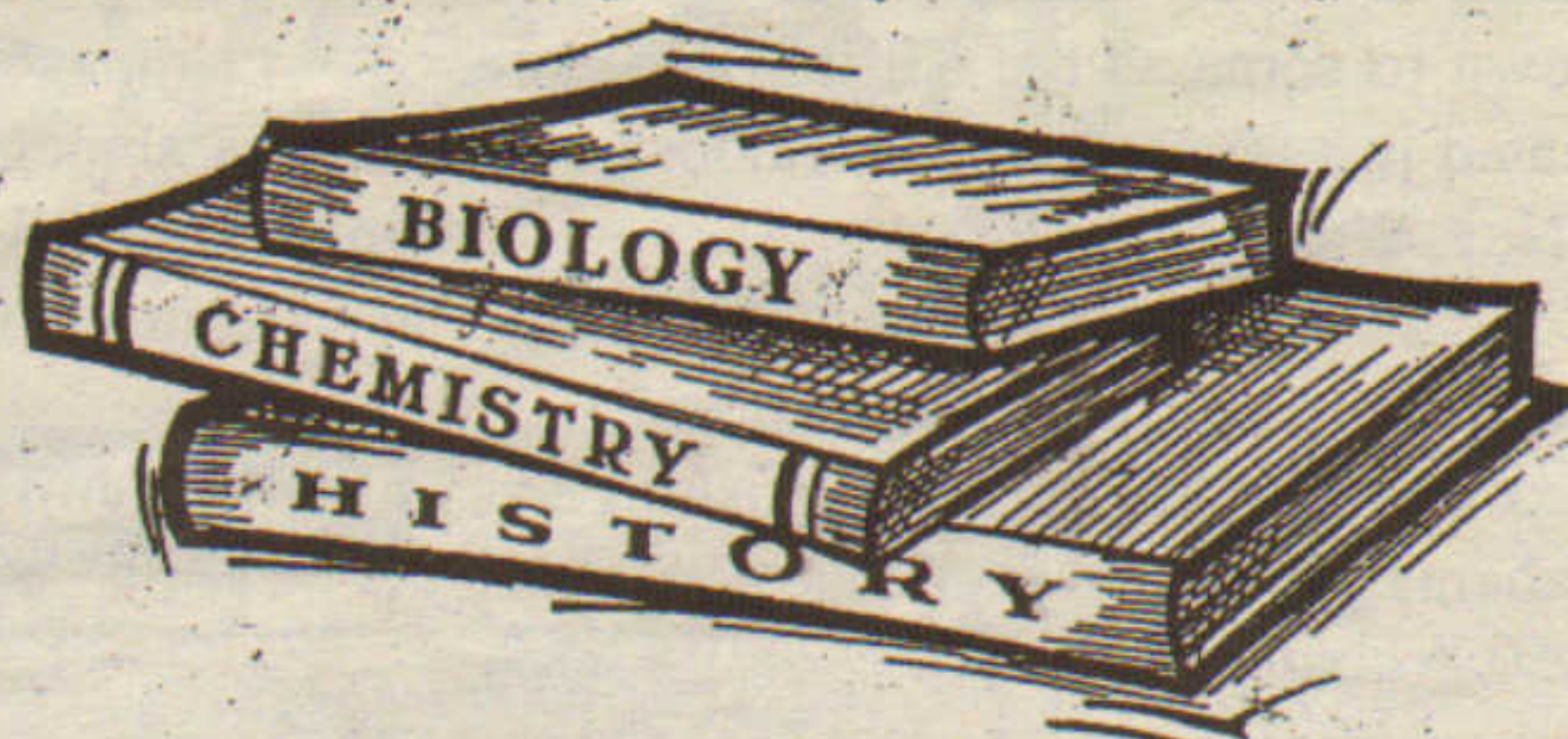
they played on Tuesday seemed to teach them what it will take to win."

The Lady Bucs played their last home game of the season against Jeff Davis Thursday, April 25, winning both games.

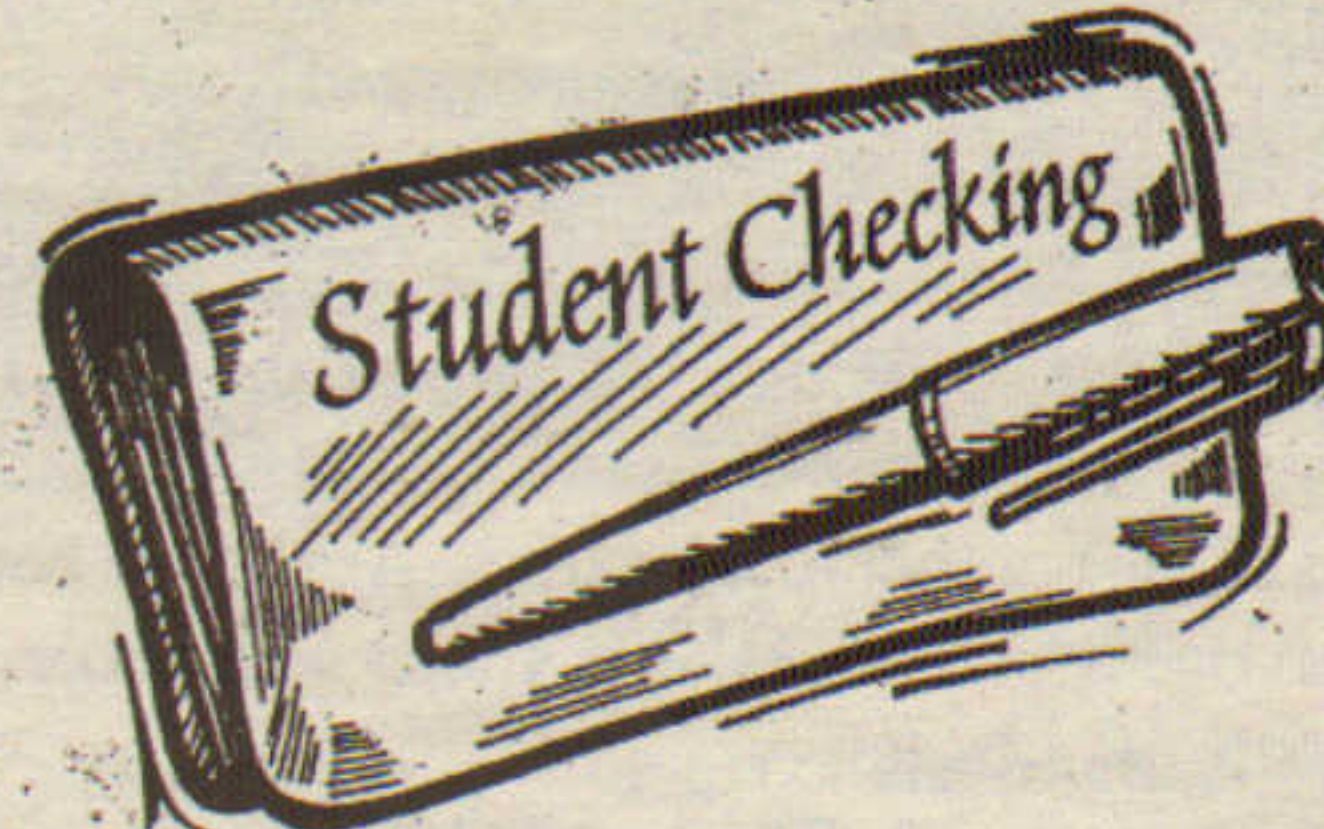
On Tuesday, April 30, The Bucs travel to Beville State where they must win both games to finish second in their conference.

The state tournament will be in Gadsden May 2-4.

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Shelton Jubilee Update

By Lucy Kubiszyn

Editor's Note: Shelton PR Director will keep readers informed about plans for the college's 50th anniversary

A special taping and interview is scheduled with Mrs. H.I. James of Tuscaloosa, the wife of the first president of Shelton State Community College. Mrs. James also taught at the college beginning with its opening in 1952. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out about the earliest days of the college.

Where were you from 1952-1956? If you know someone who attended Shelton State from 1952-1956, please call 391-2221 or 391-2252. We are trying to locate as many of the college's original students as possible. These students attended the college, which was then called, J.P. Shelton Trade School, when it was located where Home Depot now

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ston Cup Series weekends and each is already Alabama's biggest sporting event each year.

Besides the sheer adrenaline rush each race, there is also some amusing by-play among drivers and fans to focus on. This year, during the pre-race introduction Tony Stewart was booed, since

stands.

Everett McCorvey, the multi-talented singer who directed the Shelton Singers and was an instructor of voice at the college during the early 1980's will return to Tuscaloosa Feb. 4, 2003, for a concert as part of Shelton Jubilee. McCorvey, who is originally from Alabama, has appeared on the New York stage and in motion pictures. He has performed across the United States and Europe. He will bring with him a professional group of singers known as the American Spiritual Ensemble, a group whose mission is to preserve the American Negro spiritual. McCorvey is now professor of voice and director of the University of Kentucky Opera Theater. Footnote: Everett and his wife now have three children. Time Flies!

Stewart had called the local fans "obnoxious" in a press conference. He came to the grandstand wearing a T-shirt that said, "I'm an obnoxious Talladega Driver." T-shirts were also on sale outside the track that said, "Obnoxious Race Fan."

Aren't wearing special clothes and seeking forgiveness what a religious experience is all about?

Kubiszyn presents daughter as retirement 'gift'



Lucy Kubiszyn shared her daughter's experience with Shelton alumni at a recent meeting. Kampakis is the president of Kampakis Designs in Huntsville.

When Lucy Kubiszyn started working at Shelton State in 1980, there were no computers or direct-extension phone lines. In fact, the campus had just been renovated from a department store, and she remembers a tacky EXIT sign framed on the wall above her modest metal desk. "I actually had that desk painted bright yellow because it was that ugly," Kubiszyn said.

Times have changed, and now as Kubiszyn sits behind the large desk in her spacious office, she announces her retirement from the P.R./Alumni Office at Shelton State.

Positive memories fill her mind as she describes how much fun it has been over the past 22 years. Once, to promote registration, Kubiszyn rented a

flying advertisement (like those you see at beaches) without her boss, President Sumner, knowing. "I thought it was a great idea. Dr. Sumner was furious at me for weeks!," said Kubiszyn with a smile.

Still, Lucy Kubiszyn looks forward to life after Shelton State. Although she will still be on staff to help with the Shelton State Jubilee next year, she hopes to do a little freelance work and spend time with her five, soon to be six, grandchildren. She misses not being able to do little things, like chatting with neighbors in the front yard.

"I think it's just time for me to stop and smell the roses," Kubiszyn said.

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Prepare your mind for movies

By Steven T. Watkins

As summer break moves in it is time to catch some rays, hit the beach, and watch the great movie releases the summer brings us every year.

The blockbuster hits are certain to come with *Spiderman*, *Men In Black II*, *Star Wars: Episode II Attack of the Clones*, and *Austin Powers 3*.

Adam Sandler is almost certain to remain one of the best comedic actors with his new film *Mr. Deeds* that is sure to go big at the box office. The film is about a pizzeria owner (Sandler) who inherits \$40 billion and his new love interest, tabloid reporter Winona Ryder.

A few of the biggest names in

Hollywood are visiting the big screen again this summer. Mel Gibson is tackling suspense in the film *Signs* that is written and directed by M. Night Shyamalan (who also wrote *Unbreakable* and *The Sixth Sense*). *Signs'* plot has yet to be released and Gibson is not allowed to give any hints.

Tom Cruise will be teaming with Steven Spielberg in the futuristic sci-fi thriller *Minority Report*, and Nicolas Cage is back in the action role with *Windtalkers*. *Windtalkers* is directed by John Woo (*Broken Arrow* and *Face/Off*) and revolves around a Navajo code talker Cage is ordered to protect.

Tom Hanks will tackle the role of a hitman in the 1930's in his low publi-

cized film *Road to Perdition*. This will be an intriguing film to see Hanks play a bad guy for the first time.

The final movie to catch this summer is *Scooby-Doo*. The cartoon turned to life that every 16-34 year old watched as a child. The film stars Freddie Prinze Jr. and Sarah Michelle Gellar as Fred and Daphne, with Matthew Lillard and Linda Cardellini playing Shaggy and Velma, which will add some great character to the cartoon roles. The only problem lies in trying to gear it to a real young audience and to the original *Scooby-Doo* fans. Either way this summer looks like a great time to catch a flick.

English Instructor Pam Davis named to Who's Who



Pam Davis, an English instructor here at Shelton, has been named to the 2002, 7th edition, of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

This is the third year out of the last four years that Mrs. Davis has been selected for this honor. Only five percent of our nation's teachers are honored each year, and less than two percent are multiple year honorees.

Check your spring exam schedule closely

The exam schedule has been corrected. The Monday-Wednesday classes at 1:45 p.m. final exam is at Monday, May 6, at 1:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Check with your instructor to verify the day and time of your exam.

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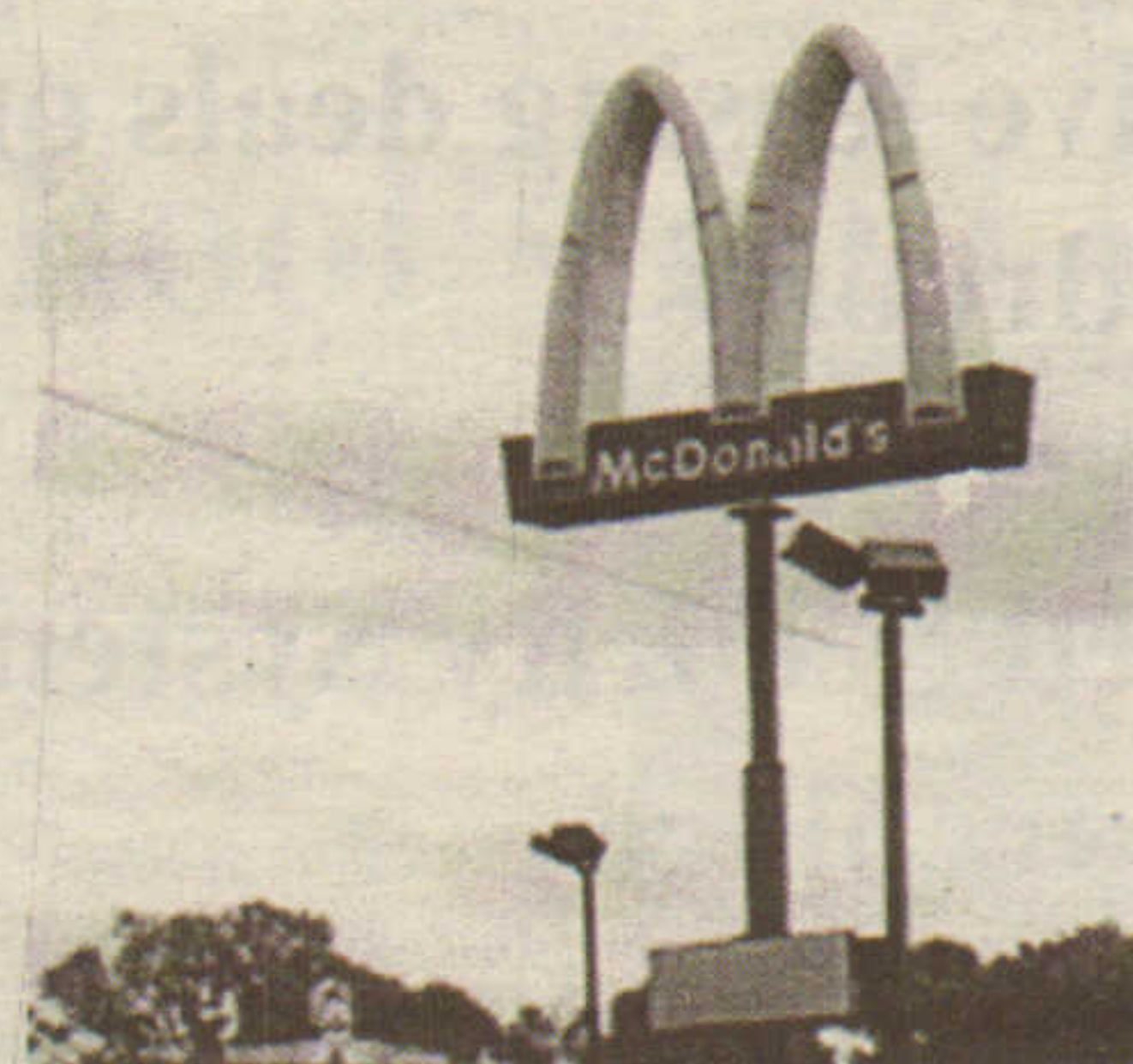
The legend comes to Taylorville...

By Michael Clark

McDonald's will be serving billions and billions more on May 1, 2002. The new McDonald's location will be on Highway 69 South, across from the Food World Shopping Center in Taylorville, and will be owned by Ken Baird, who, after several attempts, was not available for comment.

With school letting out in less than two weeks for the summer, the new McDonald's opening could not come at a better time for students seeking summer jobs. In fact, McDonald's is already hiring managers and crew members for not only this location but for some of the other stores as well.

People seeking employment are encouraged to go to the McFarland Blvd location, just off of Skyland Blvd, on Tuesdays between 5-7 p.m.



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ton State and all K-12 schools in West Alabama. She began the meeting by introducing Shelton President Rick Rogers to give as she described it "a dog and pony show" to tell the audience about Shelton.

Many local principals were in attendance, as well as a large number of

Shelton State faculty and staff. A few teachers even brought their classes down to witness how a formal state meeting is conducted.

"Having the board meeting here at Shelton State gives us a chance to promote the college among our two-year college peers as well as board members who represent different parts of the state board," said Rick Rogers.

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can be as equally effective on bream and crappie as live bait.

For catfish you would want to use a stronger rod and reel. It is not uncommon to see catfish in excess of 20 pounds. Your best baits are chicken liver, night crawlers, catalpa worms, shad, or scented dough baits.

For those who favor bass fishing, plastic worms and lizards are a must. They are available in a vast number of sizes and colors. Pumpkin chartreuse, green pumpkin, junebug, redbug, and watermelon are a few of your best colors. Spinnerbaits, and diving crankbaits are also a good thing to have with you on a

fishing trip. Bass can also usually be caught on live bait such as shiners as well.

Where can you get your bait, tackle, and license? There are several places in town to get all three. Stores such as Woods & Water, Outdoors Unlimited, The Worm Shack, and Wal-Mart all offer sales and service for fishing equipment.

If you want to purchase live bait then the Fast and Easy stores in town or JJ's will be your best bet. Anyone at these stores should be able to give you recommendations on what you need or answer any questions you might have.

Good luck and good fishing.

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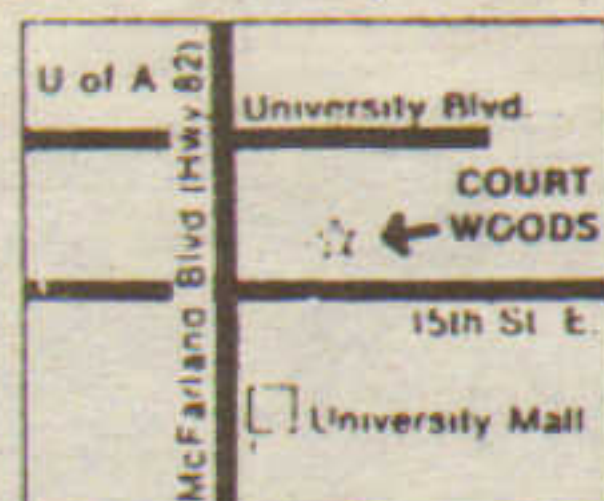
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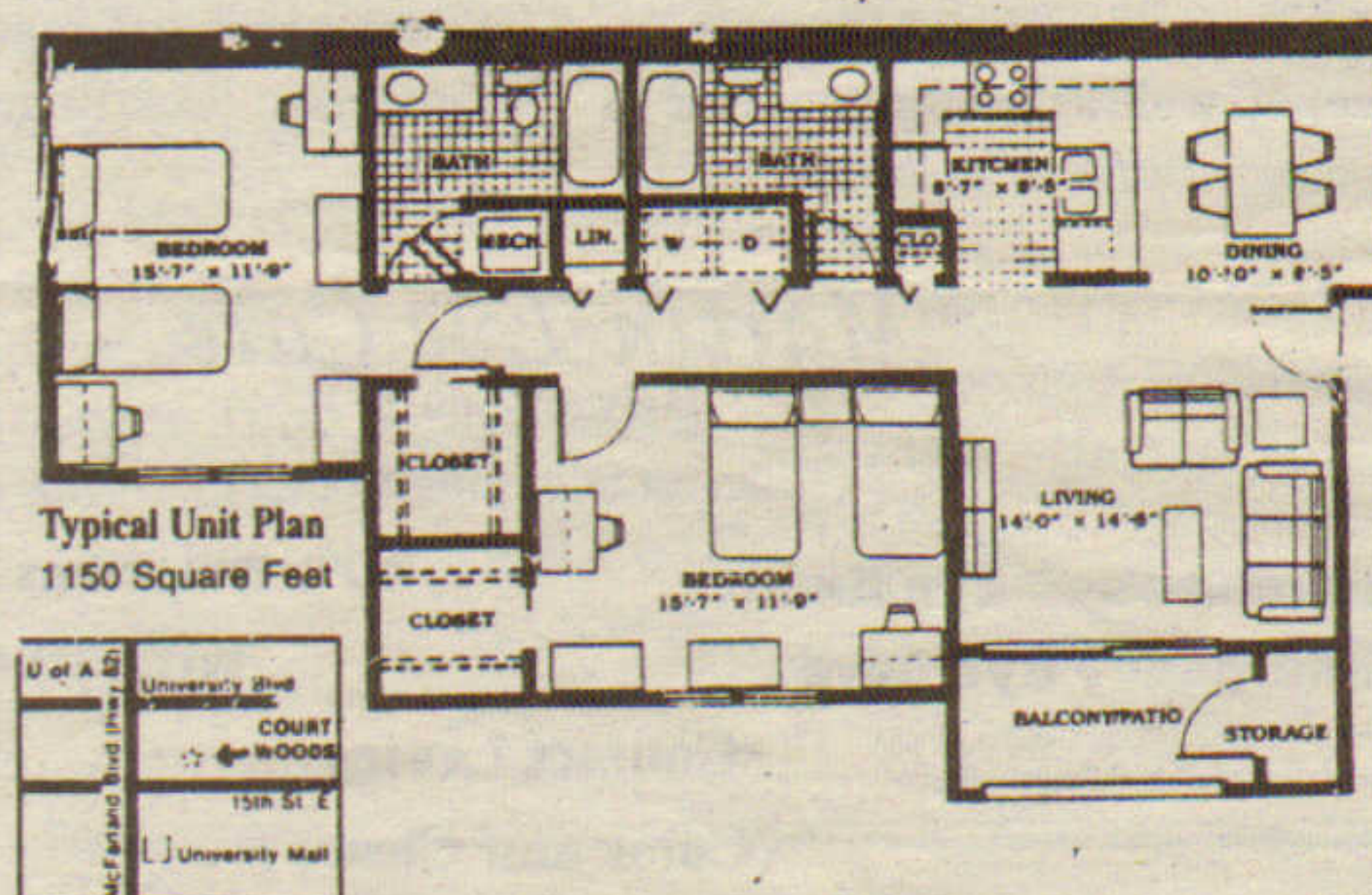


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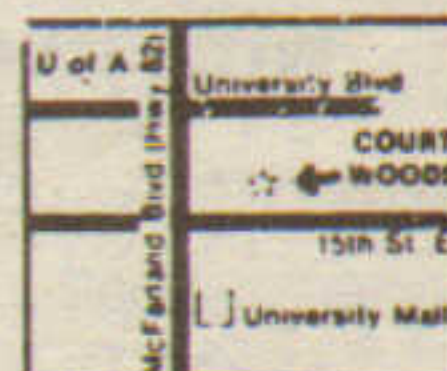
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